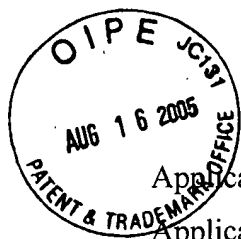


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants: Frank J. McConnell et al. Attorney Docket No.: SACO115537
Application No.: 09/658,770 Art Unit: 3626 / Confirmation No.: 4422
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A DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING NETWORK

REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

August 12, 2005

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Applicants hereby request an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in the appeal of the above-identified application.

Our Check No. 165405 in the amount of \$1,000 for this Request for Oral Hearing (37 CFR 41.20(b)(3)) is enclosed. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. *A duplicate copy of this request is enclosed.*

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